

**WAUKESHA COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER
MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
FEBRUARY 16, 2009
MINUTES**

Present:

Troy Norman (Goodwill)
Marybeth Vander Male (HIL)
Lisa McLean (MHA)
Corinne Gresen (WMH)
Dennis Farrell – (WCHHS Board) – Liaisons
Dr. Michele Cusatis
Diane Begos (CCS)
David Krahn (County Board)
Joan Sternweis (DT)
Mark Komppa (ARDC)
Colleen Gonzalez (WCTC)
Mary Madden (NAMI)
Dr. Michele Cusatis (for M. DeMares)

Excused:

Sandra Hack (DHHS)
Linda Cole (Friendships)
Maura McMahon (Public Defender's Office)
James Hanover (Div. of Voc Rehab)
Misty Barnhill (Friendships)
Andrew Barnhill
Michael DeMares (WCDHHS)
Dennis Williams, AODA Chair

Guests:

Peter T. Geist, Chief Medical Officer for ProHealth.

Troy Norman called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

Educational Segment:

Joan Sternweis presented the overview of Day Treatment, COP and CCS services. Joan S. has been working with Community Options Program (COP) for a number of years in partnership with Mark Komppa at the ADRC. Joan S. handed out and reviewed information on COP, which included elderly, developmental disabilities, mental illness, physical disabilities, AODA, funding and eligibility criterion. Joan S. passed out a second handout, which showed state funding. Joan suggested for the March agenda, more detail on committee membership, roles and representation should be reviewed.

Mark Komppa stated the Aging and Disability Center began in April 2008. All long-term care staff transitioned with the Dept. of Senior Services became the Aging and Disability Resource Center. Staff assist callers in determining eligibility for the Family Care Program and are currently processing people on wait lists. The wait list completion is targeted for July 2010, but may be completed at the end of 2009.

Review and Approval of January 2009 Minutes

The January 2009 Minutes were reviewed. There were four changes. Diane Begos moved to approve the minutes with these changes. Colleen Gonzalez seconded this motion. The minutes were approved with changes.

Board Liaison Report

- Dennis Farrell introduced Peter T. Geist, Chief Medical Officer for ProHealth.
- The board met in Menomonee Falls at the Senior Center and toured the Hartford House and the Birth To Three Program after. Dennis stated holding meetings at different locations helps inform and educate the board. The board is open to suggestions for meeting locations or tours.
- Dennis F. reviewed the scheduled meeting dates to review the Unmet Needs lists.
- Dennis reported on the Budget review. The County Executive will give a target to the department heads, who try to work a budget with that in mind. Dennis reviewed the budget meeting dates.

Legislative report

David Kahn reported on:

- President Obama's budget package. The package includes funds for Law Enforcement, child support, infrastructure, transportation, etc.
 - WI should receive \$3.5 B; \$2B for education and health care. David K. does not foresee anything in the stimulus package for mental health.
 - At the federal level, a budget needs to be passed for the current fiscal year.
 - Troy N. will receive a list of where items on the stimulus package.

- A bill will be introduced, which would amend how health care is provided in jail. Currently when you are incarcerated, the county for health care and private insurance is not used. The bill proposes: An individual with private insurance will use it "until convicted"
- The state version of a stimulus bill is being addressed with some tax and spending measures, as well as budget cuts to deal with the deficit and the current fiscal year. It is uncertain how it will influence Waukesha County.
- A very large contingent is reviewing tax reform, including AARP, League of Women Voters, AFSCME, WEAC, and many other groups. Open hearings will be held once governor proposes the budget
- Waukesha County may assess a 0.05% county sales tax, which could generate \$35-40M annually. It is estimated that 20% of the tax income would be collected from people who don't live in the county, but travel through or do business here

Discussion followed. David reminded members he can be reached at the County office, 262-548-7922 or dkrahn@waukeshacounty.gov.

CCS Coordinating Committee

Diane Begos shared that the final draft for application for membership has been submitted to the committee. Membership applications are available at the front desk of MHC for consumers or county staff. They are due back February 28th. A subcommittee (Tim Krell, Joy Malloy, and two consumers) will review the applications.

Old Business –

Dr. Michele Cusatis was present for Mike DeMares who was excused. Dr. Cusatis handed out a draft of the Unmet Needs Recommendations. Dennis Farrell again encouraged presentations as well as someone who can give a history of an event. Presentations will be given on 211 First Call for help, by the Mental Health Association, and Peer Support Services, including a Peer Support Specialist to answer questions. Discussion followed. Troy will help coordinate these presentations.

New Business –

No new business.

Agenda items for March

- Joan Sternweis – DT, CSP, COP: More detail on committee membership, roles and representation

Other –

There was no other business. Corrine Gresen made a motion to adjourn. Diane Begos seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Next Meeting: March 16, 2009 at 1:30 p.m. Waukesha County Mental Health Center, Multipurpose Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Barb Sylvester
Recorder

Minutes were approved



Date

2/16/09

Cc: Harlow Bielefeldt, Chair, AODA
J. Obrien, Chair of CAFSAC
Sue Konkeli, Chair, Public Health
County Clerk, Waukesha County